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Fulbright Criticizes De Gaulle Proposals

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Sen. J. William Fulbright, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, took sharp issue yesterday with two far-reaching proposals advanced by French President de Gaulle in Paris last week.

The Arkansas Democrat said de Gaulle's suggestions for a return to the gold standard for world currency and for revising the United Nations charter did not appear practical.

They were the two of the key points advanced by de Gaulle in a press conference last Thursday.

Fulbright said de Gaulle's call for a return to the gold standard was another example of the desire of some to return to "the good old days."

He said the idea might be "attractive" to some but he did not regard it as workable "in this kind of a world we have today."

Fulbright also disputed the French leader's suggestion for a five-power conference to overhaul the charter of the United Nations. De Gaulle said the meeting should include France, Great Britain, the United States, the Soviet

Union and Communist China.

"The charter already spells out machinery for revision," Fulbright said in an interview. "Five people can't revise it."

Communist China is not even a U.N. member, he pointed out, and "the Red Chinese don't want to belong to it."

Fulbright declined to comment on a third de Gaulle point--that German reunification is a problem for the European nations only and especially France. This proposal also runs counter to U.S. policy.